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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2002. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by May 27, 2002.

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension and includes fee (\$400), making a Response due July 27, 2002.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

B' 1. (Amended) A load bearing structural element extruded from a thermoplastic plastics material which is compounded so that the element has a flexural modulus of 4000 Mpa or above.

2. An element as claimed in claim 1, which has a flexural modulus of 5500 Mpa or above.

3. An element as claimed in claim 1, which has a ratio of flexural modulus in Megapascals to density in kg/m<sup>3</sup> of at least 2.5:1.

4. An element as claimed in claim 3, wherein said ratio is at least 4.2:1.

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